

The October 10, 2021, meeting of the Friends of the Salem Library was called to order by the president, John Spruhan.

There were twelve in attendance.

The secretary read the minutes of the July 11 meeting. A motion was made and passed to approve the minutes as read.

The secretary also commented on the lateness of the meeting notices which happened due to a variety of issues. The plan is to send the January notices much earlier especially because of holiday mailings.

Ken Sosnowski made the treasurer's report. He mentioned returned newsletters and asked that anyone who knows of the death of a member let him know. We are beginning to receive printer income again. The book sale took in around \$6,000.00 but expenses were higher than normal. Major expenses were the tent rental and the costs of extra storage.

Our money is up about \$,000.00 for the year including the book sale, dues, printer income, and donations. He mentioned a donation of \$100.00 that came in too late for the official treasurer's report. This donation was from a charitable fund making donations to libraries around the country. As of September 30, 2021, we have a balance of \$24,913.25.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Ken provided a handout on the book sale and highlighted important points. Plans for the sale were very fluid as circumstances changed from day to day. Because of a delay in the walkway brick order we had to have both tents on the parking lot. This fact increased our costs because the tents needed concrete blocks rather than stakes. Comments indicated that customers liked the outdoor sale. Only the higher priced books and the AV items were sold in the meeting room of the Library.

We no longer have our free storage and already have 3 large donations from recently retired Roanoke College professors and a large donation from someone who was downsizing whose books came too late for the sale. Our current storage unit costs \$164.00 per month.

#### NEW BUSINESS

The group spent some time discussing the pros and cons of having the sale mainly outside. We also discussed the possibility of having ongoing sales. We would not be able to avoid storage

this way. We would have the opportunity to attract more interest and have more involvement for members.

We discussed having a sale in conjunction with the December 4 Gingerbread Festival at the Salem Museum and Crafty Christmas at the Salem Farmers Market. Interested members will meet on November 15 at 10:00. The date was changed to Tuesday, November 16 because of a scheduling conflict.

A formal motion to have the sale and to begin the work was made by Ken and seconded by Lydia Spruhan. The motion passed.

The Library staff made a request for funds to attract butterflies to the children's garden, especially Monarch Butterflies. The request includes 2 butterfly houses at \$63.00 each or a total of \$126.00 plus \$40.00 for shipping, 3 butterfly puddlers at \$40.00 each for a total of \$120.00 with free shipping and handling, and 3 banana feeders which are feeders for butterflies at \$25.00 each with free shipping.

Bill Chaffin moved we allot the funds for this request and Phil Roark seconded. The motion passed.

Anne Tripp also mentioned that the current printer contract ends in January so problems related to it can be fixed at that time.

Lydia Spruhan, Amanda Beachum and Anne Tripp make up the nominating committee. The candidates will be listed on the January meeting notice.

The next meeting will be held in the library meeting room on Sunday, January 9, 2022 starting at 2:00PM. If there is unsafe weather the meeting will take place on January 16, 2022.

The meeting was adjourned.

Susan Ahalt, Secretary